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CIA MYSTERY

On Monday of this week, chairman Wright Patman (D-Tex.) of the House Small Business subcommittee revealed that the Central Intelligence Agency has been giving money for years to the J. M. Kaplan Fund, a New York City foundation whose tax-exempt status is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. The same day, Patman dropped the CIA aspect of the case like a hot potato.

It should not be dropped. If the super-secret agency habitually contributes to already well-heeled foundations, the taxpayers are at least entitled to know the reason.

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